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**SEVENTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98**

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(Joanna Pinos)

Dear Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Seventh Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), any necessary copies are enclosed. However, in accordance with the September 21, 2004 OG Notice and 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published application references are no longer required and, thus, are not enclosed.

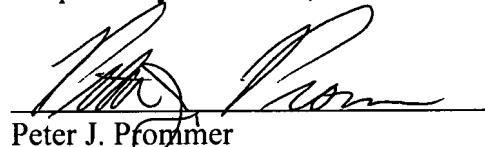
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Seventh Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be

construed to be an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

This Seventh Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the receipt of a first Office action reflecting an examination on the merits, but before the mailing date of an action closing prosecution in the application. Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of **\$180.00** identified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to **Nixon Peabody Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000290USPT**. Furthermore, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to the same deposit account number any fees due while this application is pending (except the issue fee), or credit any overpayments. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 425-8552.

Respectfully submitted,



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